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NEWSLETTER

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MEYERS TO EXPLAIN "MODEL CITIES"
AT APRIL 5 C.H.N.C. MEETING

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church

Clinton Avenue Corner of Belmont

"Newark's Model Cities
Program and YOU"

An Open Meeting

For Members and Friends

RIDES HOME AT NIGHT GUARANTEED

NEW MASSIVE CITY-FEDERAL PROGRAM WILL SEEK
TO ENLIST TENANTS-HOMESOWNERS IN EFFORT

M-Day is coming to Clinton Hill.

That's April 5, Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m.

M-Day means "Model Cities Day," when CHNC members and neighborhood residents will get their first glimpses of the exciting multi-million \$ federal-city program of community improvement that will affect every one of us, men, women, and children.

To explain "Model Cities" the CHNC executive board and Mr. David Campbell, CHNC president, have invited one of the top experts in the city to speak to us and answer questions.

Albert Meyers Guest Speaker

The expert is Albert Meyers, consultant to the United Community Fund and member agencies on program development and funding.

Mr. Meyers is presently on loan to Mayor Addonizio's office as a member of a high-level task force on the "Model Cities."

His background includes community development work with the United Nations Bureau of Social Affairs in Latin America; service with the Inter-American Development Bank, and as Director of Public Welfare in the State of Nevada.

During World War Two Mr. Meyers served the Red Cross in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

"Model Cities" a New Idea

The "Model Cities" idea is a new one, put into law only last November, 1966, by Congress. It is also known as "Comprehensive City Demonstration Programs." It will tie together urban renewal, housing, recreation, jobs, health, crime, and delinquency.

Big money is involved, millions and hundreds of millions. Who will pay and who will benefit is one of the items Mr. Meyers will clarify.

Council Program on Agenda

Also on the April 5 agenda will be a report of current and planned CHNC activities in behalf of a better neighborhood. Council committees are springing back to life. Blocks are meeting. All members and friends invited!

OFFICERS NOW FUNCTION
LIKE A TEAM

Newly elected CHNC officers and appointed committee chairman have begun to meet and work together with officers holding existing positions. Harmony and good-will prevail.

And why not? By working together in trust and confidence we can win some victories in the never-ending campaign to keep Clinton Hill a decent area to live in.

For a list of the officers and chairmen, see inside.

\$1.00 Dues

A word about dues payments for 1967: Pay your dollar only to a proper representative of your block or of the council.

Or mail it directly to 26 Shanley Ave. Insist upon a proper receipt (printed, in two parts) with the official CHNC headquarters on it - 26 Shanley Avenue.

Receive your 1967 membership card, sent by the Secretary.

Any other procedure is fraudulent. (See further information inside)

Without proper payment, your name will not be on the 1970 mailing list; you will not be eligible to vote at CHNC meetings.

Don't Miss It !!

An open letter from Mr. David Campbell, CHNC President - inside this newsletter.

Got News Items? Send them to Newsletter...

An Open Letter of Greeting from DAVID CAMPBELL, President, C.H.N.C.

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Dear Fellow Members of the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council,
March, 1967

Our organization consists of citizens of Clinton Hill. The factor to be established is unity of action, a civic community working together for a better neighborhood.

This means -- good housing, first-class education, adequate welfare for those in need, top-notch health services, regular sanitation service, planning for the benefit of the people and working for the benefit of us who live here.

It means active participation by all CHNC members. It means studying the health and housing codes so we know what should be done; a committee to learn about Medicaid, liaison with the United Community Corporation and our Area Board #3 (People's Action Group).

I intend to motivate you to take part, to devote the strength to carry on and watch these programs and see them to completion.

I ask you to join with me and to get your friends and neighbors to join with us.

I invite all organizations in our neighborhood to cooperate -- religious, racial, nationality notwithstanding. All are welcome. All are needed. Alone we are weak. Together we are strong.

This means persons of all political beliefs too, because we are not attached to any one candidate or political party and never will be.

We invite businessmen, tenant groups, merchants, homeowners to come to us and we will come to them.

Through our block-branches and block-leaders, through our executive committee and other committees -- we can place people in positions of responsibility. The CHNC will provide the proper materials and supplies for the program.

Our Newsletter will keep us informed, and also general meetings. Our minutes will be read and our records opened to all members. Emergencies will be handled as they arise.

Through study and cooperation all members will learn our procedures; there are no mysteries. We were organized in 1956, the first block-type council in Newark. We were incorporated two years later. Our activities are on the public record. We can be proud of them.

Urges your neighbors to join. Make sure they fill out only the duly authorized membership envelope signed by the solicitor and listing the CHNC office on it: 26 Shanley Avenue. Membership cards will be mailed or delivered upon receipt of the dues by Mrs. H. Winters, Secretary.

Good luck in the months ahead, and wish us luck too!

David Campbell

Council Officers as of March, 1967: President, David Campbell, 758 S. 17 St. (375-6203); Vice-Presidents, Edward Ball, 68 Pillinghast St., Oscar Davis, 929 S. 19 St.; Mrs. Warren Dixon, 24 Cypress St.; Mrs. Barbara Hillman, 173 Ridgewood Avenue.; Mrs. Elsie Layton, 872 S. 14 St.; Mrs. Barline Lucas, 898 S. 17 St.; Mr. Henry Pringley, 834 S. 18 St.; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Winters, 26 Shanley Ave. (BI 3-6880); Treasurer, Mrs. Rose Heyman, 18 Millington Ave.; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Mary Reaves, 755 S. 14 St.
Committee Chairmen: Education, Mr. Ball; Health & Sanitation, Mrs. Dixon; Welfare & Welfare, Mrs. Hillman; Block Building, Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Heyman (co-chairmen); Communications, Stanley B. Winters; Public Safety, Jack Ginsberg (374-1279); Constitution, LeRoy P. Johnson.

STRONG ACTIVE COMMITTEES MEAN AN EFFECTIVE COUNCIL!

Join and Support the Committee of Your Choice!

CONTACT THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION (375-6203, BI 3-6880)

30% TAX HIKE !!!

NEWARK - The City Council on March 21 gave its okay to a record-breaking budget of \$119.6 million and a tax-rate of \$7.79 per \$100 of assessed valuation on real property.

David Campbell, CHNC president, attended the crowded public hearing on March 7 which witnessed objections by dozens of speakers at the swollen budget and recent pay hikes voted for themselves and the Mayor by the city councilmen.

A visit to Trenton by a "citizens committee" consisting of objectors and some friends of the councilmen resulted in a rejection by Governor Hughes of any aid to Newark this year. The Governor suggested some cutbacks in city spending but his advice was not taken by the councilmen.

According to press reports, the city's skyrocketing budget is a result of excessive spending for urban renewal, clearance of land for redevelopment without new building taking place, pay raises, mandatory increases, and loss on tax appeals.

(See editorial next column)

NEW COMMISSIONER BRINGS FRESH APPROACH

TRENTON - New currents are blowing in the States House as Paul W. Ilvisaker takes over the new Dept. of Community Affairs.

A man with year's of topnotch experience with the Ford Foundation, Mr. Ilvisaker, if anyone, can find solutions to some of Newark's, and New Jersey's, ills resulting from congestion, pollution, and urban exploitation.

His approach to the elderly is one example, as shown in his talk to the National Council on the Aging on March 8.

"The aged are really a city planning problem," he told the conference. "We should be planning our communities so facilities for the aged are next door to facilities for the young."

He also said that people should be educationally prepared for old age. They shouldn't grow old and then have to begin wondering what to do with themselves, he said.

Help Wanted

Reporters, about one dozen. Must know what's going on in their block. Willing to call in newswriters to the editor of the Newsletter (BI 3-6880). Alert for births, weddings, deaths, block problems, block activities. Compensation: spreading good will and putting their block in print.

GOAL: A REPORTER PER BLOCK!

REGIONAL ROBBERY

The shocking tax hike -- with rent hikes sure to follow -- that we in Newark face this June is going to hit where it hurts, in the pocketbook.

Many of our members and neighbors are people with low and fixed incomes. They can't go out easily and earn more money or get higher Social Security or welfare payments.

The more money for government -- and the federal government is taking more and more too -- the less for food and clothing for our children and ourselves. The less money for keeping up the house like it should be.

Not Only Officials' Fault

The fault is not only that of our elected officials, serious as that may be. They're only doing what lots of others are -- getting what they can while they can.

The fault is also that Newark is serving a whole region while ya who live in it must foot the bill.

Our city is 15,085 acres large.

A staggering 9,172 acres (61 %) is exempt from any taxes, owned by charitable and religious groups, used by city, state, county, and federal government, or on lease like the Port and the Airport, or used for roads and schools.

This means that we who live on 39 % of the land must pay to support the other 61 % plus the out-of-towners who use our city to make a living in or pass through going elsewhere.

We are near the breaking point.

There must be answers.

The question is whether citizen and community groups will unite to show the responsible officials that we will not take this kind of regional robbery any longer.

Who will take the lead?

PROPOSED HOUSING NORTH OF AVENUE

NEWARK - The executive committee of the CHNC is supporting a proposal by Mayor Addonizio that over 800 units of low-rent housing be erected north of Avenue Ave. in the urban renewal project that once was slated for light industry.

The apartments would especially serve large families and would not be higher than 3-stories, according to the press.

A special feature would allow tenants to buy their apartments.

The CHNC has asked for a meeting with the mayor to get specific details like where the houses would be built, how tenants would get in and pay, and how much city funds would be involved. Pressure for relocation for the medical college is probably behind the plan.

Teacher on Trial

NEWARK - Overflow crowds attended two public hearings of Peshine Ave. teacher Eric Mann's trial on 7 charges of violating instructions and behaving in an un-teacherly manner. Many Clinton Hillers were in the audiences.

The Board of Education has reserved decision, which it may announce soon.

Mann took the offensive after the Board allowed him freedom to present his case by charging that the school system's philosophy favored rigid discipline and conformity above really motivating youngsters to learn.

The hearing produced many surprises, including the shortcomings of the highly touted "team teaching" because Mann's team teacher allegedly reported what he was doing to the principal and other authorities.

The charge (No. 2) that Mann did not escort his class to the school gate, as directed, produced bewilderment because it is well known to parents that teachers rarely come outside at dismissal time in any of our local schools.

Perhaps the greatest shock was the fear of innovation which school officials showed and the authoritarian lines of command that exist. It is hoped that Board members will examine the basic principles of Newark's school "philosophy" to revise it, if necessary, to meet our children's needs.

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JOY ON CYPRESS STREET

Council members who know Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dixon of Cypress St. share their joy at their reunion with their daughter Aquinetta.

BROTHERS MOVES STORE

Warren Brothers, long-time block member on Tracy Ave., whose cleaning store had been located for many years on Ridgewood and West Bigelow, has opened a new store at 125 Custer Avenue.

With both charming daughters in the Brothers family recently graduated from Morgan State and now employed as social welfare case workers, it's been a big year for the family.

LIGHTS ON AVON AVENUE

Pressure from Avon Ave. merchants including Avon Pharmacy, Artis's Confectionery, Scrull's Confectionery, Milt's Grocery, and others has led to brighter street lighting on Avon Avenue. Good work!

Now if they can only control the broken bottles and trash put out too early...

FUN - FOOD - FROLIC

Trinity Methodist Church, Clinton and Tracy Aves, announced a "Family Carnival Night" for the whole family.

The date is March 31 (Friday) from 6-10 pm, and there will be food, fun, and family frolic.

All are welcome. Rev. Joseph Helle is pastor.

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